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1 Q. That's the date you're not sure of?

2 A. I'm not sure.

3 Q. So you interviewed people on May 19th. You  
4 got Tom Ahern's, and you collected all the evidence.  
5 You took photos. You got Tom Ahern's supplemental  
6 statement. You were going to have the firearm  
7 examined by an independent lab?

8 A. I would have requested that.

9 Q. Which you were never able to do?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Other than that, had you done anything else  
12 in terms of the investigation?

13 A. No.

14 Q. At that point, was it your view that the  
15 independent lab inspection of the firearm was the --  
16 was the next investigative step to take?

17 A. For me, the next thing was when I explained  
18 when I went to go get the firearm was to photograph  
19 it in its entirety and have it photographed and  
20 documented better than these positions with  
21 different cameras, but the firearm was no longer in  
22 evidence.

23 Q. And then after photographing it, the next  
24 step was to send it out for independent lab?

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1 A. We would -- it would be requested to do  
2 that.

3 Q. Was there anything else you felt you needed  
4 to do?

5 A. At the time, there might have been stuff  
6 that I could have followed up on, but when the  
7 firearm was gone, the firearm was gone. The  
8 investigation was tainted?

9 Q. Have you ever in your career referred a  
10 matter to Professional Standards?

11 A. I've referred things up to the -- my chain  
12 of command that had been referred to internal  
13 affairs.

14 Q. That were subsequently referred to internal  
15 affairs?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Did you submit up your chain of command  
18 with a recommendation that it be sent to internal  
19 affairs?

20 A. No. Just done the situation. Whatever the  
21 situation was, I would report that, and then that  
22 would --

23 Q. You just report the facts of your  
24 investigation, and there are situations where you've

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1 reported the facts of your investigation up the  
2 chain, and the investigation has subsequently been  
3 assigned to PSU?

4 A. Yes, or if you're doing a complaint from a  
5 citizen and they are complaining and everything  
6 else, I tell them their options of going to internal  
7 affairs and filing a complaint with them also.

8 Q. Is there anything in your investigation of  
9 the Tom Ahern discharge that led you to believe that  
10 it warranted a referral to Professional Standards?

11 A. I didn't get to complete the investigation.

12 Q. Based on the investigation that you were  
13 able to complete, was there anything in connection  
14 with that investigation that led you to believe that  
15 a referral to Professional Standards was warranted?

16 A. Not at that time -- the point of where I  
17 was in the investigation.

18 Q. You interviewed all the parties in the van;  
19 correct?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. You had taken pictures of all the evidence  
22 and had somebody else take pictures of the evidence;  
23 correct?

24 A. Correct.